

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL THOMAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

J. CASTRO, et al.,

Defendant.

1:24-cv-00507-GSA (PC)

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO
PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS
(Document# 2)

and

ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT
OF INMATE FILING FEE BY THE
MINNEHAHA COUNTY SHERIFF

Plaintiff is a prisoner proceeding pro se pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and has requested leave to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Plaintiff has made the showing required by § 1915(a) and accordingly, the request to proceed in forma pauperis will be granted. Plaintiff is obligated to pay the statutory filing fee of \$350.00 for this action, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1), and must do so by making monthly payments in the amount of twenty percent of the preceding month's income credited to plaintiff's trust account. The Minnehaha County Sheriff is required to send to the Clerk of the Court payments from plaintiff's account each time the amount in the account exceeds \$10.00, until the statutory filing fee is paid in full. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

In accordance with the above and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED;

2. **The Minnehaha County Sheriff or his designee shall collect payments from plaintiff's prison trust account in an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's trust account and shall forward those payments to the Clerk of the Court each time the amount in the account exceeds \$10.00, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2), until a total of \$350.00 has been collected and forwarded to the Clerk of the Court. The payments shall be clearly identified by the name and number assigned to this action.**

3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order and a copy of plaintiff's in forma pauperis application on the Minnehaha County Sheriff located at 305 W. 4th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on the Financial Department, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division.

5. Within sixty (60) days of the date of service of this order, plaintiff shall submit a certified copy of his prison trust account statement for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint, if plaintiff has not already done so.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 30, 2024

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE